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- 25X1 1. In June 1953, headquarters of the North Korean 38 Air Force Regiment, 1 Air Division, was about 2 miles southeast of the Sinuiju airbase (N 40-06, E 124-24) (XE-2038). The regiment, which was composed of four battalions, had been responsible for bombing Seoul, Inch'on, Kimpo, and Suwon, using YAK-18 planes. 25X1 In early June about 15 YAK-18 and 10 PO-2 planes were observed at the airbase.

2. The commanding officer of the 38 Regiment was Lieutenant Colonel PAK Chong-sik (2613/6945/2784)

3. Captain KIM Kuk-nok (6855/0948/4389) was a battalion commander of the 38 Regiment.

4. About 3 1/2 miles southeast of Sinuiju airbase was a 700-square foot training area on which about 200 air force recruits were observed during May and June 1953 marching and doing calisthenics. They were North Koreans wearing Chinese Communist forces uniforms. According to local air force officers, the trainees were to become MIG pilots, and the North Korean Air Force was developing a great number of MIG pilots. Though their basic training was given near Sinuiju, their actual flight training was to be in Manchuria. In June a MIG plane, newer than the MIG-15, was observed in flight over the Sinuiju airbase. The MIG was referred to as the "MIG-peace."

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5. The Kosong airbase at XE-2845 had a T-shaped, concrete runway. The main runway was about 30 meters wide and 200 meters long. No hangars were visible nor were any planes observed in mid-June 1953. The airbase was long enough and equipped to handle heavy bombers. The area was surrounded by gardens and rice paddies. About 50 meters from the western end of the runway was the guarded entrance to an underground tunnel which was an unidentified air force headquarters.

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